Increase in royalty of Crude Oil

*248. SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM:
SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have decided to increase the rate of royalty on crude oil payable to Assam and Gujarat;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and what would be the expected revenue to be earned by Assam and Gujarat due to the increase in the rate of royalty;

(c) what is the expected oil production in Assam and Gujarat during 1985-86; and

(d) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to increase the price of petroleum products also as a result of the increase in the rate of royalty on crude oil?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER, AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The rate of royalty has been raised from Rs. 61 per tonne to Rs. 192 per tonne with effect from 1-4-1984.

During 1986-87, the expected revenue to be earned by Assam on an estimated production of 5.44 million tonnes works out to Rs. 105 crores; and to Gujarat Rs. 86 crores on an estimated production of 4.5 million tonnes.

(d) No, Sir.

Availability of electricty from sea waves

*249. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Survey Team which was sent to gulf of Kutch near Jodia in Jamnagar District at the creek of Hansthal has completed its work relating to assessment of the potential for generation of electricity from sea waves;

(b) if so, what are the findings of the Survey Team; and

(c) what is the response of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER, AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) A large portion of the work relating to field surveys and data collection has been completed.

(b) Based upon the present knowledge of site conditions, a tidal power project seems technically feasible. However, detailed analysis as well as civil, electrical and design studies are still under progress.

(c) After the detailed techno-economic feasibility report has been prepared and submitted to Government, the viability of the project will be considered.

Closing down of offices of Public Undertainkgs in Foreign countries

*250. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the public sector undertakings which have their offices in foreign countries;

(b) whether some offices have recently been closed down; if so, what are the names thereof; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the office of the Engineering Projects (India) Ltd. in Kuwait has been closed down if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): (a) and (b) Generally it is only Public Undertakings having international business dealings which have offices operating on their behalf in foreign countries. Decisions in regard to opening and closing of such offices are taken by the concerned undertakings on the basis of commercial/operational needs. Based on information readily available:

(1) details of foreign offices operating on behalf of some of the important public sector undertakings; and

(2) details regarding closure of some of the foreign offices, are given in the statement (*See below*).

(c) The office of Engineering Projects (India) Limited in Kuwait has almost been closed with the exception of skeleton staff who will also be recalled during the next few months as Engineering Projects (India) Ltd. has completed all its activities in Kuwait.

Statement

Details of foreign offices operating on behalf of some of the important public sector undertakings

1. State Trading Corporation of India (STC):

New York, Tokyo, London, Frankfurt, Paris, Singapore, Hong Kong, Kuwait, Jeddah, Moscow, East Berlin, Sydney, Colombo, Nairobi, Harare and Dacca.

2. *Projects & Equipment Corporation of India Ltd. (PEC)*:

STC's offices in Nairobi, Harare and Dacca are looked after exclusively by PEC. In London and Moscow one officer of PEC is there in STC's office to look after their work. PEC is also proposing office in Libya, Algeria, Vietnam and Indonesia.

3. *The Handicrafts & Handloom Export Corporation of India Ltd. (HHEC)*:

New York, Paris, Tokyo, Hamburg and Nuasa (West Germany).

4. *Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd. (BHEL)*:

London, Moscow, Riyadh.

5. *Engineers India Ltd. (EIL)*:

London, Japan, Algeria.

6. *The Minerals & Metals Trading Corporation of India Ltd. (MMTC)*:

Bucharest and Tokyo.

7. *Indian Railway Construction Co. Ltd. (IRCON)*:

Iraq, Algeria and Saudi Arabia.

8. *Shipping Corporation of India (SCI)*:

London and Mombasa.

9. *Steel Authority of India (SAIL)*:

Sail, MECON & Vizag Steel Projects have a common liaison office in Moscow.

10. *Engineering Projects (India) Ltd. (EPI)*:

Iraq.

11. *National Buildings Construction Corporation Ltd. (NBCC)*:

Iraq, Libya, Yemen Arab Republic and Nepal.

12. *Telecommunications Consultants India Ltd. (TCIL)*:

Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Nigeria, Yemen Arab Republic, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Iraq, Oman.

(2) *Details regarding closure of some of the foreign offices*

1. *State Trading Corporation of (STC)*: *Baghdad*: Closed on April, 1986.

Baghdad: Closed on April 1986.

2. *Engineers India Ltd. (EIL)*:

Warsaw: closed in October, 1983.

Kuwait: Closed in June, 1982.

3. *The Handicrafts & Handlooms Export Corporation of India Ltd. (HHEC)*:

Nairobi: Closed in 1983.

4. *Engineering Projects (India) Ltd. (EPI)*

Kuwait

5. Steel Authority of India Ltd. (*SAIL*):

London: Closed in 1981.

Introducton of electronic equipment in coal mining

*251. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration to introduce electronic equipment in coal mining industry in collaboration with the United Kingdom;

(b) if so, what will be the increase in productivity of coal; the likely investment on the project and the time by when the project will be completed; and

(c) what are the contemplated terms and conditions of the collaboration arrangements?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) to (c) Under the Indo-UK bilateral agreement, J. K. Nagar coal mine in Eastern Coalfields has been indentified for introduction of electronic applications to improve, *inter-alia*, mine visited the mine. Detiled project report and package offer are awaited from the U. K. side. Likely investment, increase in productivity and conditions of the collaboration would be known only after the detailed project report and package offer are received. The project may be completed in two years.

Wage board for wage settlements for Public sector Undertakings

*252. SHRI CHITTA BASU:

SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDER:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government held a conference with the Chief Executives of about thirty public sector undertakings in the country recently;

(b) if so, what was the agenda of the discussions and outcome of the Conference; and

(c) whether Government have decided to appoint wage boards for the public sector undertakings instead of resorting to the present mechanism of bipartite negotiations?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): (a) and (b). A statement is placed on the Table of the House (*See* below).

(c) No, Sir.

Statement

Presumably, the Hon'ble Members are referring to the meeting of the Chief Executives of Public Sector Undertakings under the administrative control of the Department of Public Enterprises held on 26-5-86 presided over by Minister of State for Public Enterprises which was attended by Chief Executives or representatives of 35 enterprises. There was no formal agenda. The Chief Executives were to present the working of their units covering aspects like production, profitability and technology. The Chief Executives explained the working of their undertakings and the problems faced by the.

The Chief Executives were advised to send complete details of their problem